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SUBJ: PLUNGE IN NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

REF: WELLINGTON 1971

1. ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN'S LATEST FIGURES, PERMITS AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1,794 NEW HOUSES AND APARTMENTS WITH A VALUE OF \$40.5 MILLION WERE ISSUED IN APR 1977. THIS REPRESENTS A DECREASE OF 22 PCT IN NUMBER OVER APR 1976 AND A DECREASE OF 10.2 PCT IN VALUE. OF THE 1,794 UNITS, 69 WERE AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNMENT VS 90 IN APR 1976.

2. FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED APR 1977 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS AUTHORIZED IS 29,563 (VS 31,856 FOR THE COMPARABLE PERIOD ENDED 1976 AND 33,102 FOR 1975). THE VALUE OF NEW DWELLING PERMITS WAS \$627.6 MILLION FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD VS \$593.9 MILLION AND \$550 MILLION FOR THE SIMILAR PERIODS ENDED 1976 AND 1975 RESPECTIVELY.

3. DURING APRIL 1977 THERE WERE 1,800 DWELLING UNITS STARTED, 2,000 COMPLETED, AND 20 CREATED BY CONVERSION. DURING APR 1976, THERE WERE 2,600 STARTED, 2,300 COMPLETED, AND 20 CREATED BY CONVERSION.

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COMPLETED AND 20 CREATED CONVERSION.

4. FOR THE YEAR ENDED APR 1977 THE NUMBER OF FARM BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED WAS 7,021 WITH A VALUE OF \$27.2 MILLION (VS 6,850 AND \$18.1 MILLION FOR THE YEAR ENDED APR 1976) AND FOR EDUCATION BUILDINGS THE NUMBER HAS DROPPED FROM 550 FOR THE YEAR ENDED APR 1976 TO 398 FOR THE YEAR

ENDED APR 1977 AND A CORRESPONDING DECREASE IN VALUE FROM  
\$64.5 MILLION TO \$41.5 MILLION.  
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